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TAGS: FR, US, SENV, XG, XT

SUBJECT: AMOCO CADIZ OIL SPILL

REF: PARIS 9821

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE HAVE EXAMINED PROPOSAL FOR PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE, SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION, TO GISCARD ON AMOCO CADIZ OIL SPILL. WE REGARD EVENTS WHICH LED THIS AMERICAN OWNED, LIBERIAN FLAG, DUTCH/BRITISH CHARTERED, ITALIAN CAPTAINED AND AT ONE POINT GERMAN TOWED SHIP TO GO AGROUND IN FRENCH WATERS AS SYMPTOMATIC OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM WHICH, AS YOU NOTED IN YOUR PROPOSED MESSAGE, REQUIRES AN INTERNATIONAL ACTION.WE THEREFORE PREFER NOT TO
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HIGHLIGHT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THIS INCIDENT ANY MORE THAN IS NECESSARY TO RENDER ALL PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE AND TO BE FULLY RESPONSIVE TO ANY FRENCH REQUESTS FOR HELP OR ADVICE.

2. INSTEAD WE REQUEST THAT YOU CONTINUE TO INDICATE TO GOF OUR WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL AND CONSIDER ANY SORT OF AS-

SISTANCE DESIRED. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES, WE HAVE

NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY RESPONDING, ON BEHALF OF USG,
ALONG THE LINES OF PROPOSED MESSAGE CONTAINED IN REFTEL.
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